



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0196; FRL-9071-01-OCSP]

### Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Pesticide Programs is announcing a virtual public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) on October 27 and 28, 2021, with participation by webcast only. There will be no in-person gathering for this meeting.

**DATES:** *Virtual meeting:* The virtual meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. (EDT), and Thursday, October 28, 2021, from 11 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. (EDT). To make oral comments during the virtual meeting, please email Shannon Jewell by Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** *Virtual meeting:* Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-advisory-committees-and-regulatory-partners/pesticide-program-dialogue-committee-ppdc> to find a link to register for the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shannon Jewell, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW (7501P), Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (571) 289-9911; email address: [jewell.shannon@epa.gov](mailto:jewell.shannon@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

##### *A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

You may be potentially affected by this action if you work in agricultural settings or if you are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide

Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*); the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) (which amends FIFRA section 33); and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Potentially affected entities may include but are not limited to: Agricultural workers and farmers; pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental, consumer, and farm worker groups; pesticide users and growers; animal rights groups; pest consultants; state, local, and tribal governments; academia; public health organizations; and the public. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0196, is available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Due to the public health concerns related to COVID-19, the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) and Reading Room is closed to visitors with limited exceptions. The staff continues to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. For the latest status information on EPA/DC services and docket access, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Once the EPA/DC is reopened to the public, the docket will also be available in-person at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the EPA/DC, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805.

For further information on EPA/DC services, docket contact information and the current status of the EPA/DC and Reading Room, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

## **II. Background**

The PPDC is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. EPA established the PPDC in September 1995 to provide policy advice, information and recommendations to the EPA Administrator through the Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. The PPDC provides a public forum to discuss a wide variety of pesticide regulatory developments and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from the use of pesticides. The EPA will consider candidates from the following sectors: environmental/public interest and animal rights groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide industry and trade associations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; federal and state/local/tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations.

The PPDC usually meets face-to-face twice a year, generally in the spring and the fall. Additionally, members may be asked to serve on work groups to develop recommendations to address specific policy issues. The average workload for members is approximately 4 to 6 hours per month. PPDC members may receive travel and per diem allowances where appropriate and according to applicable federal travel regulations.

### **III. How Do I Participate in the Virtual Public Meeting?**

A. *Virtual meeting.* The virtual meeting will be conducted via webcast. Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-advisory-committees-and-regulatory-partners/pesticide-program-dialogue-committee-ppdc> to find a link to register for the meeting.

B. *Oral comments.* Requests to make brief oral comments to the PPDC during the virtual meeting should be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer, listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before noon on the date set in the **DATES** section.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2 *et seq.* and 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: September 30, 2021.

**Edward Messina,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

